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SUBJECT: ISRAELI VIEWS ON UNIFIL MANDATE

1. AMB LEONARD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION FACING US IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT MONTH REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE UNIFIL MANDATE WITH ISRAELI DEPUTY PERMREP CAHANA ON AUGUST 30. WHILE LEONARD HAD SOME PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LATEST POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE IDF POSITION ON UNIFIL, SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED IN JERUSALEM 2405, HIS PRESENTATION TO CAHANA WAS BASED ON THE NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY URQUHART ON AUGUST 29 (USUN 3349).

2. CAHANA OPENED DISCUSSION WITH INFORMATION ON DAYAN'S RECENT LETTER ON ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (SEE TEL AVIV 10956) FOLLOWING WHICH LEONARD BROUGHT UP SOUTHERN LEBANON, UNDERSCORING OUR COMMON INTEREST IN A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS AND A NON-ACRIMONIOUS DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL LEADING TO A RENEWAL OF THE UNIFIL MAMDATE. HE PROVIDED CAHANA WITH SUMMARY OF URQUHART'S VIEWS ON THE
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ISRAELI ROLE AND OUR EXPECTATION THAT THE SYG'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL WOULD BE CRITICAL OF ISRAEL AND THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA. IF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND REMAINED UNCHANGED, THE US WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DEFEND ISRAEL IN THE COUNCIL -- A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF EITHER OF US.

3. CAHANA REPLIED THAT WHILE THE UN PERHAPS HAD TO LIMIT ITSELF TO THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE US CERTAINLY HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WIDER RAMIFICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIRUT AND NORTHERN LEBANON. THE CONGRESS, HE SAID, WAS CERTAINLY AWARE OF AND SHARED ISRAEL'S CONCERN ABOUT SYRIA'S ROLE IN LEBANON AND ITS EFFORT TO DESTROY THE CHRISTIANS. CAHANA SAID HE DOUBTED THE CONGRESS OR THE US PUBLIC WOULD AGREE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION WERE THE LATTER TO TAKE A POSITION CRITICAL OF ISRAEL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. LEONARD AGAIN REITERATED OUR INTEREST IN AVOIDING AN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD UNIFIL. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE FOR ISRAEL TO DO ALL IT COULD BETWEEN NOW AND MID-SEPTEMBER TO FACILITATE UNIFIL'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE BORDER ZONE.

5. URQUHART'S SUBSEQUENT REPORT TO LEONARD ON THE DETAILS OF THE WEIZMAN/SIILASVUO MEETING INDICATES THAT THE ISRAELIS MAY ALREADY HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, AS URQUHART COMMENTED, IMPROVEMENT OF UNIFIL'S SITUATION ON THE GROUND WOULD BE A FIRST STEP BUT NOT A SOLUTION. THERE REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF CONVINCING THE GOL TO SEND TROOPS SOUTH. URQUHART INDICATED HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE LEBANESE GOVT WOULD MISCONSTRUE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPOINTMENT OF UNIFIL LIAISON OFFICERS WITH HADDAD AND SHIDIAC AS GIVING THEM POLITICAL LEGITIMACY. HE HAS INSTRUCTED SIILASVUO TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. LEONARD

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